

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In some embodiments, a system comprises at least one computer system, wherein

5 the computer system is configured to execute a virtual machine corresponding to a user. The system further comprises a storage subsystem configured to store data representing the virtual machine and at least one file server. The file server is coupled to a network to which the computer system is configured to be coupled, and is also coupled to the storage subsystem. The file server is configured to provide the computer system with access to

10 the data representing the virtual machine from the storage subsystem over the network. In some embodiments, the computer system is configured for essentially continuous connection to the network during use. In other embodiments, the computer system is configured for intermittent connection to the network during use.